

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3030
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ST LITERACY RATE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the National rate of literacy among Scheduled Tribes according to the last census, State-wise;
- (b) the breakup of Male and Female Tribal literacy rate, State-wise;
- (c) whether any efforts have been made to increase literacy rate among Tribals since then;
- (d) if so, the details of schemes sponsored by the Government for the purpose; and
- (e) the achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) The information is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir, four schemes are being run by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs namely Boys Hostels for STs, Girls hostels for STs, Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Area and Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

(e) Under the Scheme of Boys Hostels for STs a total of 528 Boys Hostels have been sanctioned to State Governments/U.T.s for accommodating 15837 Boy Students at middle, secondary, college and university stage of education since 1992-93. Under the scheme of Girls Hostels for STs a total of 483 Girls hostels have been sanctioned to State Governments/U.T.s for accommodating 15718 girl students at middle, secondary, college and university stage of education since 1992-93. Under the scheme of Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas a total of 499 Ashram Schools have been sanctioned to State Government since 1992-93. The Scheme of 'Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of women Literacy in Tribal Areas' was started since 1993-94. As per 1991 census 136 districts of the country were identified where literacy rate among ST women was less than 10%. The scheme of Educational Complex is operational in these districts only.